

**COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
March 24, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Special Session on Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest B. Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmen Jeff Grose, Joe Thallemer, Daniel Hampton, George Clemens, Kyle Babcock, and Jerry Patterson. Mayor Ernest Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Elaine Call, Street Superintendent Lacy Francis, Fire Chief Mike Rice, Park Superintendent Jon Garber, Airport Manager David Beall, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, Police Chief Perry Hunter, H.R. Director Jennifer Whitaker and Warsaw Times Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Councilman Charles Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wiggins followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW OF 2009 BUDGETS/1782 NOTICE –

Mayor Wiggins turned the meeting over to Council President Joe Thallemer. Councilman Thallemer reported that this meeting is being held to review the 1782 Notice concerning the 2009 approved Budgets completed by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The City has 14 days from the date received to respond with any changes, which is no later than March 27, 2009. Clerk-Treasurer Call provided a written explanation of the Levy calculation and information showing the differences in the City estimates over final figures. Councilman Thallemer stated that following the DLGF review the City is under the maximum levy by \$466. Councilman Thallemer provided his suggested cuts from the 2009 budgets as set forth within Declaratory Resolution #2009-03-01. Discussion followed. Mayor Wiggins provided for review an article, "Indiana Property Tax Reform, 2009", written by Larry DeBoer with the Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University. Clerk-Treasurer Call reported that the Debt Service (General Bond Fund) needs increased by \$350 to cover trustee fees. It should be noted that the Local Road & Street Budget was cut by herself by changing the Line 2 to actually what was spent instead of what was estimated to be spent. The following changes were made: General Fund – Council budget cut was reduced from \$8,000 to \$7,000, Oakwood Cemetery – cut \$12,000 (pick-up truck), and Park cut a total of \$13,000 (\$5,000 for not contracting with the YMCA and \$8,000 cut from Janitorial needs.) Following these changes, motion was made by Councilman Grose to approve Declaratory Resolution #2009-03-01, seconded by Councilman Hampton, carried by unanimous vote.

BACK TO THE DAYS OF KOSCIUSKO –

Mayor Wiggins reported that he was contacted for financial support to help fund the reconstruction of a log cabin for "Back to the Days of Kosciusko Organization". No decisions were made.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/WAYNE TOWNSHIP-FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY –

Mayor Wiggins presented for approval an Interlocal Agreement for the Warsaw Wayne Township Fire Protection Territory, between the Wayne Township of Kosciusko County and the City of Warsaw. Motion made by Councilman Babcock to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ADJOURNED -

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Elaine Call, Clerk-Treasurer